assess the entrepreneurial response, likely FDI investments and the profile of the units likely to come up in the SEZs as the new integrated Zones are at the initial stages of implementation.

Value of exports and imports

†3113. SHRI RAM JETHMALANI:
SHRI KAPIL SIBAL:

Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that exports of the country are increasing constantly;

(b) if so, the value of imports and exports made during 1990-91;

(c) the value of imports and exports made during the year 2000-2001; and

(d) the gap between imports and exports in foreign trade during both of the above periods and the reasons for increase in this gap?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI RAJIV PRATAP RUDY): (a) Yes, Sir. Except for the years, 1991-92 & 1998-99, the over all export growth of the country has been increasing constantly. A growth rate of 21% was achieved during the year 2000-2001 which was the highest in the last decade.

(b) to (d) As per the data available from Directorate General of Commercial Intelligence and Statistics (DGCI&S), Calcutta, the value of exports, imports and trade balance are given as under:

(Value in US $ Million)

Years	Exports	Imports	Trade Balance
1990-91	18145	24072	-5927 -
2000-01	44560	50537	5976

†Origtaal notice of the question was received in Hindi.

For a time gap of 10 years from 1990-91 to 2000-01, there is only a marginal increase in trade deficit.

Import of rubber

3114. SHRI S. RAMACHANDRAN PILLAI: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) the names of the agencies/companies importing rubber during the last three years;

(b) the volume of rubber imported by each agency during this period, year-wise; and

(c) the demand - supply position of rubber for the last three years?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI RAJIV PRATAP RUDY): (a) and (b) There are around 5100 rubber goods manufacturers in India which import Natural Rubber. A list of major importers of Natural Rubber alongwith quantity imported by them during the last three years is annexed as Statement. *(See* below)

(c) Demand-supply position of rubber during the last three years is as under:—

(in MT)

Year	Demand	Supply
1998-99	691976	781879
1999-2000	738784	830443
2000-2001	750077	831945